



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **UEHARA, Tsuyoshi, et al.**

Group Art Unit: **3693**

Serial No.: **10/695,350**

Examiner: **Jocelyn W. GREIMEL**

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**FOR: METHOD FOR MANAGING BUYER TRANSACTIONS AND SETTLEMENTS  
USING ...**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 7, 2007

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **September 25, 2006**, extended to **February 25, 2007**  
by a **two** month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as  
follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of  
this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.